

Claims:

1. A process for making a fruit and/or vegetable derived composition comprising the steps of:
 - a) heating a fruit and/or vegetable pulp up to a temperature in the range of about 40°C to 100°C; and
 - b) mixing between about 1 and 40% w/w of a mild base with the heated fruit and/or vegetable pulp.
2. The process as claimed in claim 1 further including the step of
- c) filtering the resulting composition.
3. The process as claimed in claim 2 further including the step of freezing and thawing the composition prior to filtering.
4. The process as claimed in claim 1 further including the step of beating the mixture following addition of the mild base.
5. The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the mild base is added such that the resulting composition has a pH in the range of about 7.5 to about 9.5.
6. A fruit and/or vegetable derived composition prepared according to the process of any one of claims 1 to 5.
7. A fruit and/or vegetable derived composition comprising at least one fruit and/or vegetable-derived pulp and a mild base, said composition having a pH in the range of about 7.5 to about 9.5.
8. Use of an effective amount of a composition as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7 for the preparation of a topical medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of dermatological disorders in a mammal.
9. Use of an effective amount of a composition as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7 for the preparation of a topical medicament for the treatment of pain associated with arthritis, gout and other muscular and joint related aches and pain in a mammal.
10. A method of treating or preventing dermatological and epidermal disorders comprising the topical application of an effective amount of a composition as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7 to a mammal in need thereof.
11. A method of treating pain associated with arthritis, gout and other muscular and joint related aches and pains comprising the topical application of an effective amount of a composition as claimed in claim 6 or claim 7 to a mammal in need thereof.